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San Diego County Fire Authority
EIR—Conditionally Accepted

We have reviewed the Soitec Solar Development Program EIR prepared by DUDEK, dated April 2013. The following sections of the EIR were reviewed by our department:

- Chapter 1.0 Introduction
- Chapter 2.0 Introduction
- Chapter 2.8 Hazards
- Chapter 2.12 Public Services
- Appendix 2.12-1 Emergency Service

Please accept the following comments on Appendix 2.12-1 Emergency Service:

- Sec. 5.5.2: It is stated that "Typical fire operations include drops from 500 feet or higher..." Typically water or retardant drops from helicopters are from 50 to 150 feet above the ground and drops from fixed-wing aircraft are from 150 to 500 feet above the ground. Please revise the discussion and your conclusions.
- Page 93, first paragraph and page 142, item 2: Please revise "CFD" with "CFD or a similar Fire Services Agreement".
- Sec. 8.4, item 5: Please revise or remove this item. All area within the development will be within agreed upon acceptable hose pull lengths.

The EIR will be considered accepted by this department once these revisions have been made.

Please call or email me if you have any questions or need clarification – (858) 495-5434 or James.Pine@sdcounty.ca.gov.

Best Regards,



James Pine, Fire Marshal
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